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In reply to communications from both Hamilton and Toronto the association, on motion of F. R. Mallory, placed itself on record as favoring the holding of an international livestock show, providing that adequate accommodation were provided for the public, the livestock exhibits and the holding of a modern dairy test, and that a committee be appointed by the executive, with power to deal authoritatively with all developments in this line.

It was decided to vote \$1,000 for Record of Merit prizes. The 1,000 R.O.M. grant was divided into five awards of \$15, \$10, \$5, \$3 and \$2 for each class in seven-day work for milk and butter. A breeder may win on either milk or butter or both. In 30-day tests there are prizes of \$10, \$5, \$3 and \$2 in each class, milk and butter, and in the eight months after calving two prizes of \$5 and \$4 in all classes. Breeders are limited to one prize in each class. It was also decided that the record of merit and record of performance records of a cow should be published side by side in the year book.

R.O.P. Standards

One of the most thoroughly debated subjects of the meeting had to do with proposed changes in R.O.P. regulations. Scarcity of labor made it particularly desirable that standards be changed to allow of a 300-day test, 13 months' freshening, and milking twice a day after the first 60 days, the latter provision to allow of 7 and 30-day official tests if the breeder desired them. D. C. Platt urged the necessity of having a test that all breeders could patronize. This is necessary now, as pure-bred but untested cows are not selling for a dollar more than equally good grades. Nor can the average farmer afford to wait 15 months for a calf.

G. R. Brethren feared an effort was being made to make the R.O.P. test, as previously conducted, a scapegoat. "I believe," said he, "that the truest test is the official test for one year, and the next best is the official test for 7 to 30 days, followed with R.O.P. testing for the balance of the year." It was easy, he thought, to "bamboozle" a buyer with a high test in seven days, and many who had been accustomed to doing so were afraid of the R.O.P. test. It was decided that the executive appoint a committee to meet with committees of the other dairy breed associations, to discuss proposed changes with them, and report back next year.

Ayrshire Men's Meeting

The Ayrshire Breeders' Association held their annual meeting in Toronto this year. This year had brought the 20,000-lb. cow, Grandview Rose, owned by Shannon Bros., of Cloverdale, B.C.

W. F. Stephen, in his report as secretary, stated that the membership had increased 166 in the past year. There was an increase of 368 pedigrees and 1,229 transfers. The R.O.P. applications had fallen off slightly, owing principally to labor shortage. There was an increase in the number qualified, 212 compared with 197 last year. Altogether 1,091 cows and heifers have qualified.

A resolution was put before the meeting that instead of a word description of the animal, a diagram would appear on each certificate showing the markings of the animal.

H. S. Arkell, in addressing the meeting, stated that he had no sympathy with those who wanted legislation forbidding the killing of calves. He also said that the government had succeeded in purchasing 10,000 tons of oilcake, and would get more if the feeders wanted it. The meeting was divided on the two periods of testing, 300 and 365 days. It was finally decided to appoint a committee to confer with the other breeds.

Resolutions were also passed asking the Ontario government to put the Dairy Standards Act in force, and the federal government to request all breed associations, when publishing records of tests, that it read in pounds of fat rather than pounds of butter.

The Year with Jersey Breeders

Registrations increased during 1917 by 400, transfers increased and receipts

are more than \$600 greater than the previous year. The R.O.P. record of Beauty Maid was the highest in Canada of any breed for the year 1917. Registrations have doubled in Quebec Province, and the suggestion was made that British Columbia should be represented on the directorate.

The secretary-treasurer reported registrations of 1,703, as compared with 1,308 in 1916, 1,151 transfers, as compared with 1,000, and \$657 membership fees, as compared with \$608. The membership now numbers 447.

Losses from Hog Cholera

The principal business at the annual meeting of the Canadian Swine Breeders' Association was receiving a report on hog cholera and hearing an address by Dr. Torrance, Veterinary Director-General. He quoted the following figures of comparative losses from hog cholera in the United States and Canada:

United States			
Year	Hog Population	Loss	Percent.
1917	67,453,000	2,959,322	4.3
1916	67,453,000	4,057,000	5.9
1915	64,618,000	5,541,971	8.5
1914	58,933,000	6,304,320	10.7
1913	61,178,000	6,064,470	9.9

Canada			
Year	Hog Population	Loss	Percent.
1917	2,538,526	4,413	.16
1916	2,814,000	5,700	.2
1915	3,111,000	34,470	1.11
1914	3,434,000	34,779	1.01
1913	3,448,000	8,466	.24

Double-immunized pure-breds are now allowed to be imported into Canada under the following conditions: they must be pure-breds, immunized 30 days before departing from U.S. Previous to shipment they must be immersed in a disinfectant and quarantined for 30 days upon arrival, after which they are free to go any place. With regard to the double treatment actually being used in Canada, Dr. Torrance stated that upon a petition from hog owners in any county he would allow its use, but it must be administered by his officers, the lack of careful supervision in this regard having caused much of the loss in the U.S.

It was decided that the minimum breeding age for both boars and sows should be five months, in order to allow their progeny to be eligible for registration. The period of free transfer was also changed from 30 to 60 days from date of sale. G. H. Hutton, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm, Lacombe, was elected president.

Hereford Association's Year

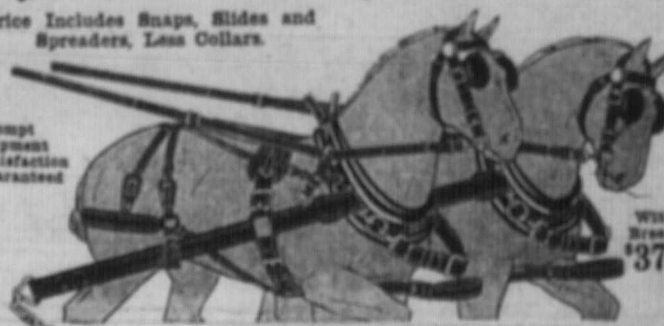
The annual meeting of the Canadian Hereford Association had a very representative attendance. Natural increase in business during the last year has amounted to 90 per cent., and the amount of assets over liabilities is \$4,000; \$3,000 was appropriated as prize money for fairs and \$100 donated to the Red Cross.

Two matters discussed at all these meetings were the holding of an international livestock show somewhere in Ontario (Toronto or Hamilton being mentioned) and the formation of a body to represent the breeders' interests in matters of transportation, legislation, etc. The first was tabled in some meetings, looked on with favor in some and referred to the executives in most cases. Such a show would not be an international one except insofar as it related to eastern Canada, for it would not be practical for western breeders to ship valuable breeding stock east and back again. The other question is important, but a large number of the breeders did not seem to realize that the west already has a very representative body to deal with such matters in the Canadian Council of Agriculture. Also that the council has already exerted a powerful effect in dealing with the proposed increase of freight rates, in dealing with wheat prices, etc. Its work would bear closer inspection by the men in the various breed associations.

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